

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to recognize the members of the Central High School Chamber Choir of Springfield, Missouri, who are to be commended for their stellar performance on February 16, 2004, when they sang the National Anthem and "God Bless America" at the start of session for the Missouri House of Representatives in honor of President's Day; and

Whereas, Central High School, home of the Bulldogs, was established in Springfield in 1893 and was the first high school in the United States to offer a full music curriculum; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir at Central High School consists of thirty-eight members ranging in ages from 13-18 years old who have volunteered to participate in one of the schools most popular extracurricular activities; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir has received six Division I ratings in the last two years at both state and regional competitions; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir took First Place in Open Division at the Worlds of Fun Festival of Choirs in Kansas City on May 20, 2003; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir has performed for the City of Springfield Chamber of Commerce and for the City of Springfield; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir sang a total of 72 times in order to raise money for a trip to Italy in 2003, where they sang in the cathedrals of Florence, Sienna, and Orvieto; and

Whereas, the Chamber Choir has received tremendous guidance and leadership from Director Alberta Smith, a 1974 graduate of Central High School who has served in the position of Director for the past three years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Director Alberta Smith and to all the members of the Chamber Choir at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Central High School in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker